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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, today we celebrate the Senate's passage of the 19th amendment in 1919 giving women the right to vote. We thank You for the impact of women on American history. We praise You for our founding Pilgrim Foremothers and for the role they had in establishing our Nation, for the strategic impact of women in the battle for independence, for the incredible courage of women who helped push back the frontier, for the suffragettes who fought for the right to vote, and for the role of women in our society, for the dynamic women who have given crucial leadership in each period of our history.

Today, Gracious God, we give You thanks for the women who serve in our Senate: for the outstanding women Senators, for the women who serve as officers of the Senate, for women who serve in strategic positions in the ongoing work of the Senate, and for the many women throughout the Senate family who glorify You in their loyalty and their excellence.

Our prayer today, gracious Lord, is that the presence of women in the Senate exemplify to the American people the importance of the leadership of women in every level of our society.

And, Gracious God, as we acknowledge the presence of the Navajo talkers, who assured victory in World War II, we thank You for their heroism and their gallantry.

In Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. DURBIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to be working today, tomorrow, and the next day on the Supplemental Appropriations Act. We hope to enter into agreements, one of which would require that all first-degree amendments be filed today before 5 p.m. I have talked to Senator BYRD about this. I understand he and Senator STEVENS are in agreement that this should be the case. We will be in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. today for the weekly party conferences.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 4775, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4775) making supplemental appropriations for further recovery from and response to terrorist attacks on the United States for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

THE NAVAJO TALKERS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, We as Senators have so many opportunities to meet people—but I have to say I had such a warm feeling today when I was able to meet four of the code talkers, the wind talkers, the Navajo who were so instrumental in our victorious efforts in World War II.

These old men, I told the lead actor of this movie a number of years ago, were just like him: Young, powerful, physically strong men, who fought in World War II.

In talking to two of these Navajos this morning—two of these heroes—I asked them where they went during World War II. And they both started with Guadalcanal, and went through the various islands, including Guam. One of them said: At Tarawa, my buddies were killed right in front of me. With tears in his eyes he said this.

We have to remember the sacrifices of the people who died in World War II, the people who fought in World War II.

These brave Indians deserve all the accolades they are going to get with this movie. I have spoken to those who have seen the movie, and it is a spell-binding movie. The reason it is so good is it is based on facts, based on truth and reality.

But the reason we should never forget the sacrifices of the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of World War II is that our freedoms today are based upon the

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